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HONGKONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

NOVICES/COMPETITION.

ENTRIES are invited for a NOVICES COMPETITION (all Weights) to be held on or about the 10th day of January, 1920, to be conducted under the Competition Rules of the National Sporting Club, subject to such variations therein as may be made by the Boxing Committee of the above Association.

Weights to be N.S.C. Standard Weights.

Entries will not be accepted from any man who has (a) won any Open Novices Competition, or (b) taken part in any Contest or in any Open Competition other than one for Novices.

Entries must be made at or before 12 Noon on FRIDAY, December 24 and be addressed to the undersigned.

J. C. WILDON,
Manager.G/O Imports & Exports Office,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 17, 1919.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

MR. P. M. HODGSON, having resigned the Hon. Secretaryship of this CLUB the Committee have appointed the undersigned, to whom all future communication should be addressed.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 18, 1919.

NOTICE.

TO ALL WHOM it may concern I SAMUEL JOHN CLAYE at present residing at the Hongkong Hotel, Pail Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, hereby give Notice that I have expressly withdrawn all and every authority which my wife GLADYS ARELENE CLAYE may have at any time, either expressly or by implication or otherwise, acquired to contract for me or in my name or as my agent or in any way to pledge my credit, or having expressly forbidden her so to do and she being sufficiently supplied with all necessities—and that I will not be responsible for her debts whosoever or howsoever incurred.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1919.

S. J. CLAYE.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 1919.

DINNER DANCES will be held on the following nights during CHRISTMAS WEEK:—

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Wednesday, 24th December.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

Thursday, 25th December.

BOXING NIGHT.

Friday, 26th December.

AND

NEW YEARS EVE.

Wednesday, 31st December.

The popular entertainers, The Misses AILEEN and DORIS WOODS, will appear in the above CHRISTMAS DANCES.

Special Tables d'Hôte Menus will be provided in the GRILL ROOM at \$3.50 per head, and in the MAIN DINING ROOM at \$2.50 per head.

Patrons are advised to book early as accommodation is limited. All tables previously engaged and not cancelled by mid-day on the day to which such reservation applies will be charged for, whether occupied or not.

Bookings may be made at the HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

IN Order to enable the Contractors to complete the work in connection with the above Hotel at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the Flooring, Tiles, Paint Work, etc. The public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel as on and from this date until its completion and formal opening on which due Notice will be given by advertisement in the local newspapers.

The Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready cooperation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1919.

For the HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

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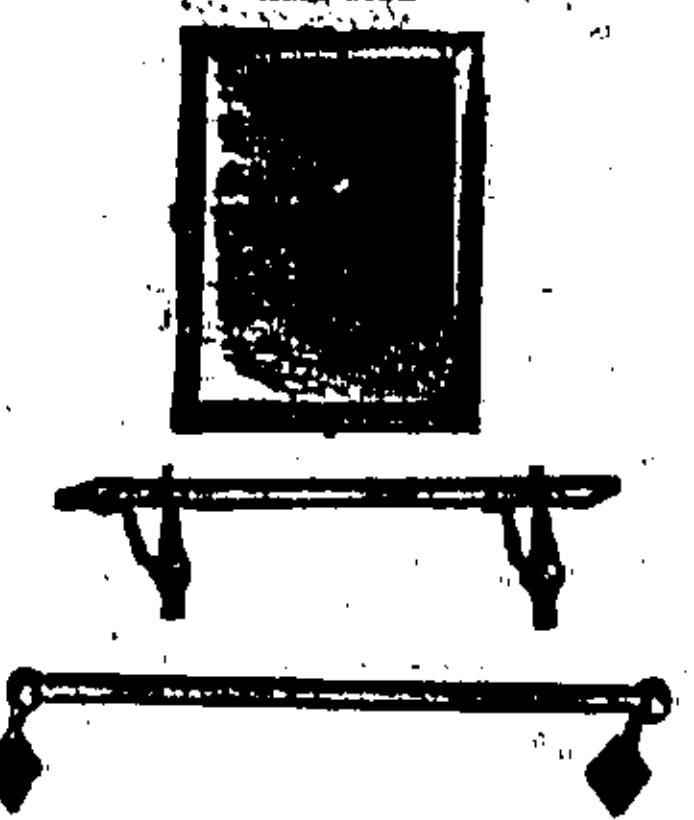
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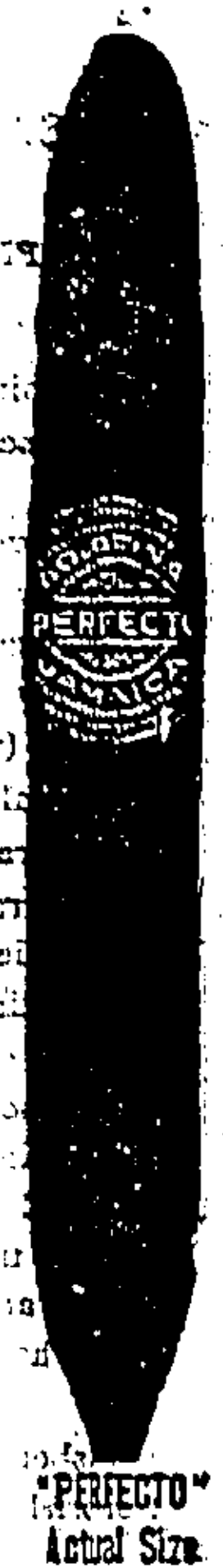
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ROYAL ASIATIC
SOCIETY.

MR. GEORGE LANNING'S PAPER.

NAMES AND NICKNAMES OF
SHANGHAI.

Before a meeting of the members of the Royal Asiatic Society, at Shanghai on Dec. 11, Mr. G. Lanning read an interesting paper on "Names and Nicknames of the Shanghai Settlement."

Mr. Lanning in the course of a paper which dealt with many examples of the names applied to Shanghai itself, and to the various places within and without the Settlement, commenced with a discussion of the meaning of the word "Shanghai" and pointed out that there were at least a dozen translations for the two syllables. Sketching the outline of the history of the foreign settlements, the speaker then showed how it was known amongst the natives by the name of I-chang, "the foreign barbarian enclosure." The first time that the word "Settlement" was used in connection with Shanghai, that he could find, was in a despatch in 1847 when the port had been opened. Settlement was not then a word of historic fame. Sir Walter Raleigh and others had founded settlements in America which had come to grief while at that time there was also the terrible adjective "penal" commonly used before the noun. It was called the "International Settlement" first in 1854 and in this connection the speaker gave a number of interesting facts about Shanghai, such as the dispute over the flying of the American flag in what was popularly known as the British Settlement, the gradual establishment of Hongkong, as an American settlement by suzerainty, and the digging of the mud dock by an American, which was the forerunner of the present Old Dock. "Hongkong," he said, became known as the "Cinderella of the Settlements."

A CITY OF REFUGE.
It was the inscription of the men who by reason of their furbans came to be known as the "Red Heads" that Shanghai first became known to the Chinese as a "city of refuge" a name which justified itself during the time of the Taipings, when its 140 acres contained a full half million souls and Chinese were prepared to pay fabulous sums to obtain that safety which the settlements offered. Mr. Lanning, incidentally remarked that some foreigners would willingly exchange the name of the settlement and for "City of Refuge" call it "Alsatia."

The speaker remarked that he did not know when it was first termed "Model Settlement" but after giving a couple of happy examples of how

it might have obtained that name, pointed out that Sir Edmund Hornby, the first judge of the M.S. Supreme Court, in the middle sixties remarked that there was no better governed place the world over than Shanghai, a fact which, the speaker said, was amply borne out by the closest inspection of the records from the earliest times. It had also been poetically termed the "Abode of Bliss" while the Duke of Somerset in the House of Lords informed the House that he had been assured by military and naval officers that Shanghai was a "sink of iniquity." For a time after that the Settlement was known as a "model sink."

EXPECTANT PEACE.
Dealing with some of the names in and around Shanghai, the speaker instanced Hongkew in the name of which there was a reference, probably poetical, to the rainbow; Tungkadoo was the ferry of the Tung family, the bridge which existed across the Yangkingpang, known as "Taylor's Bridge" from the American missionary who had his residence nearby, was known amongst the Chinese as "The wooden bridge of the Chang family." Sinza and Louza meant the new and old water gates respectively; Soochow Creek was still known in the vernacular as the old river, reminiscent of the time when the Soochow Creek was larger than the Huangpu. The Bund got its name from the fact that the earliest settlers in Shanghai came from India and brought the name with them. Shanghai Road was known as the "Street of Expectant Peace." It was destined to be the Fleet Street of Shanghai and there was no one more prone to seek peace and ensue it than the journalist.

MUD WALL BRIDGE.
A last example of the many that the speaker gave was the fact that tramcar conductors still told people who wanted to leave the car at the New World that they would get off at "Mud Wall Bridge," going back to the existence of the Defence Creek, the earthworks on the East Bank of it and the bridge that was thrown across at that point. Nanking Road was still known as the Da Ma Lo, No. 1 Horse Road, while Kiukiang and Hankow Roads were the No. 2 and No. 3 Horse Roads respectively.

SHIPBUILDER ON BRITISH
PROGRESS.

Sir James McKee, speaking at a banquet given by the Mayor of Barrow, said since November, 1911, Vickers, at their Barrow works, had paid £27,000,000 in wages. The war was now over, but they had before them a task of magnitude second only to that involved by the world-war. There was now no artificial stimulus to industry, and the future rested entirely upon the combined efforts of brains and energy. Vic-

FILMING THE WAR.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAR-
ROW ESCAPE ON SOMME.

His many adventures as official cinematographer in France are described by Lieut. Geoffrey Malins in his book, "How I Filmed the War," just published by Herbert Jenkins.

For over two years he held a roving commission up and down the front. He was reported dead, his cap was pierced by a bullet, he was summarily arrested on the Swiss frontier, but always he turned up safe and sound, his stock of pictures increased.

While filming the July 1 attack on the Somme from the front line he had a very narrow escape. "Something attracted my attention on the left," he writes. "What it was I don't know. I ceased turning, but still holding the handle, I veered round the front of my camera. The next moment, with a shriek and a flash a shell fell and exploded before I had time to take shelter. It was only a few feet away. What happened after I hardly know. There was the grinding crash of a bursting shell; something struck my tripod, the whole thing, camera and all, was flung against me. I clutched it and staggered back, holding it in my arms. I dragged it into a shrapnel-proof shelter, sat down, and looked for the damage."

A piece of shell had struck the tripod and cut the legs clean in half on one side, carrying about six inches of it away. The camera, thank Heaven, was untouched. Calling my man we hastily found some pieces of wood, old telephone wire, and string, and within an hour had improvised legs rigid enough to continue taking scenes."

kers Company had been working consistently on peace products, and now the transition from building of ships of war to building of merchant ships had been accomplished. There were many who regarded the development of merchant shipbuilding in America and Japan as the death knell of British shipping pre-eminence, but he had sufficient confidence in the majority of his fellow-countrymen to regard that decision with optimism. What British hands and brains built up many years ago could be built up again, and the keen competition with America and Japan would, in his opinion, actually speed up instead of retard British progress. A new spirit was now about and a sincere recognition that labour was entitled to and was obtaining a fair share in the great brotherhood of industry.—Journal of Commerce.

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THE Undernamed have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.)

TUESDAY,
December 23, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at
No. 4, Mody Road, Kowloon.

THE SUNDAY MARKET
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
etc.,
therein contained.

including:—
Singer's Treadle Sewing Machine
(practically new), Electric Fittings, large
Copper Boiler, small Piano by Montre,
etc., etc.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day of sale.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 18, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.)

TUESDAY,
December 23, 1919, commencing at
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 5
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

A Few Lots of

Double hemstitched Sheets, Linen
Dumak Table Cloths, Turkish Face
Towels, Bath Towels, Embroidered
Bedspreads and Table Covers.

Also

One Wardrobe Trunk, Bellow Valises
and Suit Cases,
And
Two Prismatic Binoculars, Brass
Jardiniere and 1 pair Braces
Flower Stands.

(All are New Goods).

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A Water cooled "Scott Motor Cycle
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1918 model, Twin cylinder two
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One Piano,
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INTIMATIONS



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Butter Street extending from Pound
Lane to Hospital Road will be CLOSED
from the 26th instant until further
notice.

W. GRATHAM,
Director of Public Works.
Public Works Department.
Hongkong, December 20, 1919.

NOTICE.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS.

ON and from the 1st January 1920
the price of GAS will be reduced
from \$2.50 to \$2.25 per 1000 cubic
feet.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.
HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.
Hongkong, December 18, 1919.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE Committee has decided that the
following shall be the settlement
days for the year 1920:—

FRIDAY, 26th January
FRIDAY, 17th February
TUESDAY, 30th March
THURSDAY, 29th April
FRIDAY, 28th May
TUESDAY, 29th June
MONDAY, 29th July
MONDAY, 26th August
WEDNESDAY, 29th September
THURSDAY, 29th October
MONDAY, 29th November
THURSDAY, 27th December.

By order of the Committee,
W. LOGAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong Stock Exchange.
Hongkong, December 18, 1919.

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ASSORTED CASES FOR XMAS.

CASE No. 1-322.

3	Bots.	St. Estephe	Claret.
5	"	Doune	Port.
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CASE No. 2-328.

1	Bot.	St. Marceaux Champagne.
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1	"	Brandy Superior Pala.
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CASE No. 3-322.

1	Bot.	St. Marceaux Champagne.
1	"	Very Pale Dry Sherry.
1	"	D. Port.
1	"	Rebelle Port.
1	"	St. Julien Claret.
1	"	"E" Brown Brandy.
1	"	Gla Dry.
1	"	"E" Whisky.
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

With jail warders (European) getting about \$50 a month, and especially the Sanitary workers, who also risk their lives waiting for the Commission, with education and with other channels for legitimate and first-class expenditure open to them, the Government is lavishing money on rounding off road corners for the gratification of the motor car using minority. Those who can own or hire motor cars are decidedly a minority. They say \$80,000 was spent on altering the grade at the entrance to the public gardens, and now we see they are easing the corner opposite St. Paul's College.

"That was a very dangerous corner" said a rich motorist to us on Saturday. We believe we surprised him by saying that the Government is wasting money on making it still more dangerous. This was not a reaching after paradox. It was a serious, sober statement. The most reckless motorist will take some care in rounding a dangerous corner, for the sake of his own miserable neck and his property. Make it safe for him to speed round, and the public may look out for itself. The Government (which underpins its staff) squanders money in order to make our roads safer and pleasanter for our minority of motorists, thereby increasing the peril of the public, whose money might be more usefully expended in the ways indicated, ways that would be reproductive of benefit for the majority.

It is not fair that these men should be kept waiting so long to be told whether they are or are not to have the increased pay they want. Is that being left to London to settle also? We presume so. The least the local Government can do is to hurry London up.

With that good lad THE POLICE. Sergt. Deveney gone, the China Mail's point that our Government does not actually pay many police pensions is again rubbed in. Poor Deveney was about ripe for pension. We don't want those 12 new police to go home. We have frequently pointed out that we need them badly, and may yet need them worse. But they are fine,

healthy young fellows, with all sorts of chances ahead of them, and if we had to think of their benefit instead of the need of the public, we would advise them to go while the going's good. Eighty dollars a month and the promise of a pension (if they live) is not as good as \$200 or more in the hand.

Thanks be! The China Mail does not have to depend on its unofficial information that the jail is understaffed. That is now, as a result of the inquest, officially recorded. All we have to do is to point out that being seriously understaffed it has been mismanaged, and to ask why more or less patiently for the outcome of the Commission, with education and with other channels for legitimate and first-class expenditure open to them, the Government is lavishing money on rounding off road corners for the gratification of the motor car using minority. Those who can own or hire motor cars are decidedly a minority. They say \$80,000 was spent on altering the grade at the entrance to the public gardens, and now we see they are easing the corner opposite St. Paul's College.

When the alarm sounded the other night we had the ludicrous sight of warders outside, locked out, waiting to get in to the assistance of their colleagues. There ought to be a watchman on the main gate all night, every night. There isn't. Or if there is, he hasn't a key. He should have. When a key goes wrong in the jail, how is it mended? Where is it mended? Will the public be surprised to hear that the jail workshop, where a smart prisoner could easily get an impression of it? Think of a master key being missing since April, and no locks altered! The staff should be restored to full strength, and properly paid. There should be regular and frequent inspections of all locks, keys, bars, etc., and the squad on watch should be armed. But first of all, proper pay should be offered. Honesty and danger should be paid for.

Incidentally, the widening of the road opposite ST. PAUL'S CORNER. St. Paul's College has sacrificed a grand tree that must have been one of the oldest in the colony. It seems to have had a diameter of nearly three feet. We wish our local vandals would remember that it is easier to chop down such a tree than to grow it, and think twice.

So the Shipowners Protection Society has decided to agree to arbitration after all. Doesn't it remind you of the lady in the music-hall song, a *chorus de temps jadis*, who—first—she said she wouldn't, and then she said she couldn't, and did it after all?

The sun is shining and the sky is blue in a manner quite unaccustomed to such bitter comments. They have to be made. It is a manifest duty. Yet they are far from our inclination and our mood. Hongkong is such an earthly paradise these days, that human grievances seem irrelevant, incongruous. Several times lately the remark has appeared in print that here in Hongkong we are exiles, cut off from culture, and all that sort of thing. Here, anyhow, is a fair chance to say that all is well. We are not. Life may be lived here as broadly, and be as wonderful, as elsewhere. That depends upon us, not upon the place. So far as the place is concerned, it offers us every advantage. One of these fine days, when truth is served, justice done, and public service not neglected, we must have a couple of columns entitled "Description of a Journey from the China Mail office to the Hongkong Club," in order to notice what a wonderfully jolly, romantic, and adventurous place we live in. That route is crammed with interesting features, and nobody seems to see them. The need is for some Thomas Cook of the soul, and for a personally conducted tour of the eye. Beauty beckons all around, and he only is an unhappy "exile" whose eyes are in the gutter, like unto one of the characters of good Master Bunyan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 1d.

The Exchange Banks will be closed on December 25, 26, and 27.

Three cases of enteric fever (two British) are shown in today's return.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E., and Mrs. Fletcher left the Colony on Friday by the s.s. "Cheman."

W. T. Elson beat J. C. Fletcher in the final of the "Victory Cup" by one hole at King's Park, yesterday.

Amongst those who left the Colony by the s.s. "Mishima Maru" on Saturday was Major P. F. Villiers.

U.S.S. "Helena" arrived in port yesterday from the North. She fired the usual salute at 8 o'clock this morning.

Amongst those who left the Colony on Saturday on the "Mishima Maru" for home were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marley and Mrs. Ralphs.

The Imports and Exports Office will be closed on Christmas and New Year Day, and will only be open till noon on December 26, 27 and 28 and January 2, 3 and 4 next.

Two more Subscription Griffins having arrived ex s.s. "Sinking," to complete the order, they will be drawn for today at 5.30 p.m. at the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables.

A pleasant function took place at the Catholic Union Club yesterday, when the poor under the care of the St. Vincent de Paul Society were given a Christmas treat by the members of the club. Over 200 persons attended, including children.

We learn that Miss Eald Cooper, daughter of Lieut. Cooper, who was formerly stationed in Hongkong, attached to the Middlesex Regiment, has scored a great success in a prominent part in one of the latest London Alhambra revues.

The Offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general holidays, subject, however, to the provisions of Section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so far as they relate to the criminal sessions. The Christmas Vacation will commence on December 24 and terminate on January 1, 1920.

Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, the well-known wine and spirit merchants, have laid in large stocks for the Christmas demand. They are the distributing agents for the well-known and favourite brand of whisky—Haig and Haig's "Five Stars." This is a very high class whisky and bears a reputation of 240 years. The firm also intends to make a handsome present of a pocket book and/or tobacco pouch to purchasers of one case of Watson's No. 10 whisky. Customers are advised to book their orders early for there is always a heavy demand for Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte's supplies during the Christmas holidays.

The United States Transport "Great Northern" arrived from Vladivostok yesterday with demobilized American "doughboys." She is bound for Manila and thence to America. Many of the men were seen about town yesterday and they looked a fine crowd of stalwart sons of Uncle Sam. Nearly every one of this batch has some war decoration or other on his breast. One "doughboy" who was seen walking with a private of the Wiltshire Regiment had two long rows of ribbons on the left breast of his tunic. He was wearing a broad grin and appeared very proud of himself and at peace with the world in general.

SPECIAL CABLES.

JUTE STEAMERS AFIRE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.

Mysterious fires occurred on the Butterfield and Swire steamer "Fochow" and on the Jardine boat "Yusang." Jute loaded by Chinese was ignited. The boats were scheduled to depart for Dairen. The jute being tightly packed aboard the "Yusang," there was danger at one time of the boat sinking. She was finally towed and beached. Investigations are progressing.

SINGAPORE NEWS.

INCOME TAX PASSED.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Dec. 20.

The Legislative Council has agreed to make a total contribution to the Imperial Government in 1920 towards the war cost of £1,000,000. An income-tax bill was read a first time, the rate being the same as the present war tax on incomes.

Admiral Duff arrived yesterday; he is paying his official visit.

SHIPPING STRIKE ENDS.

OWNERS TO ARBITRATE.

The local shipping strike has ended in the acceptance by the owners of the demand made by the men for arbitration, a letter from the Shipowners' Protection Association conveying this decision being received on Saturday. A meeting of the Guilds was at once called and it was resolved that the strike be called off. There were some sixty members present, who unanimously adopted this decision and heartily cheered the Secretaries of the Guilds.

These officials in their turn are proud of the solidarity and determination shown by the men throughout the dispute.

It is reported that the Government brought some form of pressure to bear in the matter which hastened its end.

It is understood that the terms of the reference to arbitration include a clause of reinstatement and that the arbitration is to be conducted by a Board of three impartial arbitrators. The award will be dated back, but not later than December 20. The names of the arbitrators will have to be approved by both sides.

Members of the Guild met hastily on Sunday on a report that one of the Chinese river companies was on the point of breaking the agreement by giving up its passenger licence and sending a ship to sea without the officers who had been on strike. It was later announced that the company had undertaken to employ the officers, at least until the arbitration award has been published.

TWO FIRES.

FOUR HOUSES GUTTED.

Two fires occurred in the small hours of yesterday morning—one at Bonham Strand, and the other in Cheong Sau Street, near the Koshing Theatre. The alarm at Bonham Strand was given at 1.30 a.m. Two three-story buildings, one used for the storage of foreign medicines, were completely gutted, the damage amounting to about \$60,000. How the fire originated is not known, but when the fire brigade arrived two floors of No. 84 were already completely destroyed and the fire had already spread to the adjoining house. While the Fire Brigade were turning their attention to the other buildings in the vicinity to prevent the fire from spreading, a second alarm was received from West Point. By this time the first at Bonham Strand had been got under control, and it was possible to spare a couple of engines and half the force of fire-fighters, regulars and volunteers, to attend to the new emergency. When Cheong Sau Street was reached, two houses near the Koshing Theatre were discovered to be on fire and the firemen had a strenuous time trying to put the fire out. They did not succeed, and these two buildings were also gutted. One man was reported missing and all efforts to find him failed.

No. 84 Bonham Strand, the house in which the fire originated, was occupied by the Fook On Yee Co., dealers in foreign medicines, and the property is covered by insurance, with four different companies to the extent of \$75,000.

The property contained in the other house which was occupied by the Yue Cheung Wo firm is also covered by insurance to the extent of \$27,950. It is not known if the properties in Cheong Sau Street are insured.

A GERM DESTROYER.

HERE is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poisoning resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without inflammation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG HOUSEHOLDER DOES POLICE WORK.

A Chinese named Leong King was this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with being a rogue and a vagabond.

Inspector Kent said that at about 7 p.m. yesterday, the defendant fell into the back yard of No. 169 Wanchai Road from the wall at the back. The inspector said that the height of the wall from the back lane was 3 feet, while the height of the wall to the yard of the house was 16 feet. The defendant must have been trying to negotiate the top of the wall when he fell into the yard. Near him was found a length of rattan and a bamboo pole to which was tied a knife. The theory is that the defendant was trying to get to the window of the bathroom which is 2 feet 6 inches above the ledge of the wall, with the aid of the pole when he overbalanced himself. The defendant said he went to the house to look for the boy who was his friend.

Mr. Smith of the Hongkong Electric Company said he occupied the ground and first floors of the house in question. Last night at between 7 and 7.30 he was having dinner on the ground floor with his wife and child when the amah came in and told him that a man had broken into the back yard. He immediately ran upstairs thinking of the bathroom window. He searched the bathroom but found no one there. He then searched the other two rooms and then taking an electric torch, he went to the backyard.

Witness was just in time to see the defendant walk out of the back gate and followed him. As soon as the defendant got into Morrison Hill Road, he looked back, and seeing witness was following him, he broke into a run and turning into Wanchai Road ran West. Witness followed him as far as the Italian Convent in Wanchai when the defendant turned round and ran back towards Morrison Hill Road. Witness kept up the chase and when they got to Morrison Hill Road, he called out "thief" in Chinese and an Indian constable on duty at the opium farm joined in the chase. The Indian soon overtook the defendant and ran in front of him, when he suddenly turned back and ran straight into the witness's arms. He handed him to the constable who removed him to the station. Sergeant Cockle came later to inspect the house and found the pole and rattan.

The defendant repeated that he went there to look for the house boy. He said he could produce witnesses to say that he was a good man. Every one in Wanchai Road knew him. The defendant's brother, a coolie employed by Messrs. Wiseman and Co., was then called and the defendant asked him if it was not a fact that the house boy was his friend and that he went to the house last night to see him. The brother replied that he did not know his (defendant's) friends. "He has his own friends and I have mine," was what he told his Worship.

The defendant then asked that the house boy be called, and Mr. Wood remanded the case until tomorrow morning in order that the house boy may attend Court.

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1	Wrist Watch	1022	Roebuck Young
2	Port Wine	707	Lt. Woodhall
3	Wrist Watch	12	H.M.S. Hawkins
4	Wrist Watch	1033	M. R. Beau
5	Wrist Watch	303	T. Rumbach
6	Wrist Watch	1124	Eddie De Souza
7	Wrist Watch	556	A. L. de Souza
8	Wrist Watch	1101	Lau Ping Nam
9	Wrist Watch	1982	M. Kitashima
10	Wrist Watch	382	Mrs. F. Steven
11	Wrist Watch	1150	Mr. D. B. Baggin
12	Wrist Watch	1958	H. Kawabi
13	Wrist Watch	105	Ed. Loureiro
14	Wrist Watch	10	Leung Yan Po
15	Wrist Watch	521	C. W. Voe Venen
16	Wrist Watch	540	F. H. Marques
17	Wrist Watch	749	M. R. Beau
18	Wrist Watch	28	Leung Yan Po
19	Wrist Watch	741	Mrs. T. B. Drew
20	Wrist Watch	541	D. Christensen
21	Wrist Watch	281	G. A. Clark
22	Wrist Watch	402	Mr. Millard
23	Wrist Watch	30	C. Silva
24	Wrist Watch	5	Mr. Whyte
25	Wrist Watch	846	Mr. Courtney
26	Wrist Watch	139	C. A. C. Rodriguez
27	Wrist Watch	1587	Maria Botelho
28	Wrist Watch	423	J. H. Scott
29	Wrist Watch	510	F. A. Betta
30	Wrist Watch	701	Mrs. B. Taylor
31	Wrist Watch	341	J. P. Xavier
32	Wrist Watch	596	A. de Souza
33	Wrist Watch	1943	Y. Yasuda
34	Wrist Watch	143	G. Grimbé
35	Wrist Watch	100	W. D. Kraft
36	Wrist Watch	815	R. Beau
37	Wrist Watch	1301	M. Xavier
38	Wrist Watch	450	Mr. Kinross
39	Wrist Watch	1332	Gonichi
40	Wrist Watch	101	J. O. Shepherd
41	Wrist Watch	797	Lieut. Lang
42	Wrist Watch	1003	Cunningham
43	Wrist Watch	17	E. E. Marques
44	Wrist Watch	727	Lt. Com. T. E. Drew
45	Wrist Watch	1589	Olivia Barretto
46	Wrist Watch	1268	M. Luj
47	Wrist Watch	177	J. H. Ramsey
48	Wrist Watch	1524	Sir R. Ho Tung
49	Wrist Watch	305	E. G. Smith
50	Wrist Watch	683	D. E. Moss
51	Wrist Watch	1817	M. King
52	Wrist Watch	1343	A. d'Eon
53	Wrist Watch	1781	A. J. M. Weyman
54	Wrist Watch	1116	W. Fing
55	Wrist Watch	1022	Mrs. P. M. de Silva
56	Wrist Watch	28	A. Mackenzie
57	Wrist Watch	566	Via Uford
58	Wrist Watch	871	Mrs. de Journal
59	Wrist Watch	121	Mrs. Leiria
60	Wrist Watch	306	Mr. Craig
61	Wrist Watch	256	C. A. Roza
62	Wrist Watch	1034	Mr. Sindlar
63	Wrist Watch	594	Ziragans
64	Wrist Watch	211	Mrs. D. K. Khars
65	Wrist Watch	816	Young Kin Ching

DEVASTATED FRANCE FUND.

SATURDAY'S SUCCESSFUL CABARET.

The fund for Devastated France had another fine help on Saturday when a very successful cabaret was held at the Volunteer Headquarters. During the afternoon a large number of visitors were round the "Everything Else Stall" and the "Everything Else Stall" while dancing was freely indulged in to the strains of the band of the Wiltshire regiment. A variety entertainment was also a great attraction. Mrs. C. H. P. Hay, Mrs. Davidson, and Mrs. Lander were at the "Everything Else Stall"; Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Scott Harston, Madame de Journal, Mademoiselle de Journal, Mademoiselle Lecable, Mrs. Jordan, Mademoiselle Reau at the "Everything Else Stall"; Mrs. E. V. M. R. de Souza and the three Misses de Souza, Mrs. J. M. Noronha and the three Misses Noronha, Mrs. P. Botelho, Mrs. Barreto, Miss Loureiro, Miss E. Osmund, Miss Phyllis d'Almada, Miss A. Alvares, Mrs. D. Carvalho, Mrs. E. J. Noronha, Miss Olga Roza, and Miss A. Lopes at the Tombola. Arrangements for tea were made by Mrs. Wolfe, the Hongkong Hotel supervising the catering. For the entertainment Messrs. Pathe Freres lent a splendid film "Carolyn of the Corners," Col. Crose providing music, as the picture was shown. The "Marsellaise" was sung by Misses Ruby and Rosebud Young, attired in costumes composed of French flags. The accompaniment was played by Miss Vivienne Young. Mr. Green and Mr. Rosser both contributed songs and the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods sang a duet from "Tales of Hoffmann" and an American song "Jerry" also giving a song-dance. Miss Vivienne Young gave a dance and Miss Winnie Lawson a Highland Fling.

The dance in the evening was a big success, excellent arrangements being made by Messrs. Mistin, Layton, Brand and Chatham, who formed the Dance Committee. The Misses Young, during an interval, sang the "Marsellaise" and danced. Men from the Wiltshires and the A.S.C. are to be thanked for the services at the gate.

Sergeant Jackson produced a rope which he found tied to a water pipe on the roof of the premises and extended to the lavatory on the ground floor.

Defendant said he was in the premises at about 3 p.m. to see his friend and did not leave until an hour later when he found the office closed. His Worship sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

HONGKONG SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1920, the School's Football Season will close and on that date H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to be present and witness the Junior Final between Wanchai and Queen's on Q.C. ground. This match will be followed by an Exhibition Game, St. Joseph's vs. The Rest, after which the Trophy and Medals will be presented to the League Champions (Senior and Junior) by H.E. Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G. Mr. F. Black, the noted Club player, and Captain, The English Team, on the 27th December, will officiate as referee in both matches.

Both of the Junior Finalists have gone through the League so far unbeaten; and as teams play each other only once, they have not met so far. St. Joseph's are unbeaten Champions this season in the Senior League.

A CORRECTION.

With regard to the statement in the China Mail that Dr. Wong had been appointed to the professorship of Pathology Faculty of the Hongkong University, after passing an examination in London, we are requested by Mr. N. L. Mackintosh, Registrar of the University, to state that no appointments to the University are decided upon by competitive examination. The procedure is that the London Committee, the Chairman of which is Sir Charles Addis, recommend names for all appointments; to the Council in Hongkong, who finally decide. In the case under notice the Home Committee first recommended Dr. Parker, who was, however, unable to take up the appointment owing to the family reasons. They then recommended Dr. Wong who was accepted by the Hongkong Council.

HELPED THE POLICE.

A coolie was charged before Mr. Hutchison with the larceny of some pieces of clothing from the residence of Dr. To at No. 14, Seymour Terrace. Sergeant Moore said a constable met the defendant carrying a bundle of clothing in Queen's Road, and on being asked where he had obtained it, defendant said he got it from the above named residence. He was brought there, where the clothes were identified, they having been stolen from the roof of the house. His Worship—He assisted the Police as soon as he was arrested? Sergt. Moore—Yes. Three weeks' hard labour was passed.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE LAW AND THE GOVERNMENT.

AN ILLEGAL AND INVALID PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, December 17.
An important decision was given by the High Court to-day. The question was whether the Customs Consolidation Act of 1876, empowering the prohibition of the importation of arms and ammunition "or any other goods" empowered the government to exclude all imports. Mr. Justice Sankey answered the question negatively, holding that the words quoted dealt with goods of the same class as those mentioned. He decided that the Government was not empowered to prohibit certain imports of ordinary peace-time trade and the proclamation purporting to do so was illegal and invalid.

FREEMAN'S JOURNAL.

LONDON, December 17.
In the House of Commons Mr. MacPherson announced that the proprietors of *Freeman's Journal* have issued a writ against the government.

FOOD CONTROL FOR THREE YEARS MORE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.
The Food Controller said in the House of Commons that supervision of food supplies would be necessary for at least three years.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.
Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, is dead, aged 77 years.

FRENCH LOAN NEXT MARCH.

PARIS, Dec. 17.
The *Matin* says the French loan in Britain will not be issued before March.

INDIAN MATRIMONIAL CASE.

HUSBAND UNDERTAKES TO PAY WIFE \$25 PER MONTH.

The Chinese lady and her Indian husband were again before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.
Inspector Kent reported that the parties met at No. 2 Police Station yesterday and the husband expressed his willingness to take back his wife on condition she agrees to live with him in his mother's house, but the woman refused. He (the Inspector) then suggested that the defendant should give his wife an allowance and let her live apart from him. At first he was unwilling but after a while agreed to give his wife \$25 per month on condition she would live with her mother and provided she took care of the children.
The defendant said what the Inspector had said was correct; he would give wife \$25 per month on those conditions.
Calling the wife into the witness box, his Worship told her that she originally sued her husband for maintenance alleging that he had deserted her. Desertion had not been proved, and what is more, he was willing to take her back under certain conditions and she had refused to return to him. Under the circumstances, she was not entitled to an allowance from her husband, and he was not liable to have an order made against him. But he had undertaken to give her \$25 per month under certain conditions which his Worship thought were legal, and if she chose to accept his offer, she may do so, but it must be understood that no order was made by the Court.
The woman was willing to accept \$25 per month and undertook to live with her mother and take care of children, and the case ended there.

H.K.D.C. RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

FINE SHOOTING BY CORPORAL GRIMES.

The annual shoot for the Hongkong Defence Corps Rifle Championship took place at King's Park, yesterday, ending in a fine win for Corporal Grimes after a tough struggle with Lce-Corpl. Goodman, last year's winner. Grimes put up the score of 94, Goodman being three points behind. In connection with the shoot it should be mentioned that it was decided at first to have a two or three days' rifle meeting in January, but it was felt that it would be better if the Corps Championship could be shot off before the Corps was disbanded so as to act as an incentive to members to remain on the strength. The weather conditions of Sunday were anything but favourable, a "fish tail" wind giving some trouble. Grimes and Goodman kept together and with the last shot at 500 Goodman scored a magpie and Grimes as owing giving the former a lead of three points. Moving back to the 600 yards mark Grimes put up a bull with his sighter, his first shot to count being an inner. He then put on six bulls. Goodman put on an outer and from then scored alternate bulls and inners.
At the conclusion of the shooting H.E. Major-General Ventris congratulated the winner and expressed the hope that more competitions would be held in connection with the new corps. Corporal Grimes in reply assured

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tze Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, December 21.
The Chinese Government has received information to the effect that Great Britain and France have only verbally agreed to the Chinese Reservation of the German Peace Treaty.

The Premier has asked the Principal of Schools to see him at his residence with a view to arrange a compromise in respect to the teachers' strike.

Wong Hung Nin telegraphed the Peking Government that he cannot proceed with the investigation into the Foochow affair while the Japanese Squadron is present in the Harbour. He asked for the immediate recall of the Squadron.

The Anhui Student's Union in a telegram to the Peking Government bitterly reprimands the Anhui Tuchun for loosely letting off his soldiers who had committed an outrage in the Girls' School.

The latest arrival from Anhui states that Ngai Chi Chung, the Anhui Tuchun, has shot dead 12 soldiers in connection with the Girls' School outrage.

Wong Hung Nin reports that the Japanese Consul's attitude is very firm in dealing with the Foochow case. The Consul won't admit some of the important evidence.

The Fukienses strongly recommend Admiral Sah Chun Ping to replace Li Hau Kias a Fukiens Tuchun. The Government cannot accede to the request for the reason that Admiral Sah cannot be spared from the Navy.

General Chu Shu Tsang has decided to proceed to Mongolia on the 22nd instant.

The French Press contradicts the statement that Great Britain and France had consented to the Chinese Reservation of the Peace Treaty.

A Chinese who was found wandering about the King Edward Hotel has been handed over to the Police. The man when discovered could give no satisfactory reason for being in the hotel saying he was "just looking round."

The Rev. Mr. Lindsay, the new Chaplain to St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, arrived to-day by the "Empress of Russia" and has taken up his abode in the Vicarage. This evening, at 5.30, there will be a reception in the Church Hall to welcome the new Chaplain and the induction service will take place at 6 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Victoria.

His Excellency that as far as he was concerned there would be. He was sure that all the competitors would continue to serve in the corps.

The shooting was watched by Major Wakeman, Capt. Stewart and others. The details follow—

	200	500	600	Total
Corpl. Grimes	32	28	34	94
Lce. Corpl. Goodman	34	29	28	91
Sergt. Manuk	32	25	26	83
Sergt. Frith	28	27	27	82
Pte. Gibson	31	25	24	80
Corpl. Lyon	26	28	8	62

CLUB DE RECREIO.

"GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE-RACE."

A five mile walk or run race in connection with the Club de Recreio's Sports' Section was held on Sunday the 21st. There were twenty-six entries of which sixteen faced the starter. The route was from the Club de Recreio, along Nathan Road, Middle Road, Chatham Road, Kowloon City Road, first turning road to Coronation Road, Nathan Road and finish at the Club de Recreio.

H. Prata a very promising athlete ran the race in splendid style finishing first in the good time of 38 minutes. Paulo Xavier was a very good second negotiating the distance in 36 minutes whilst J. Lima the walking match winner was third with 38 minutes. J. Ribeiro a very young and plucky runner was fourth with 40 minutes.

The prizes were handsome cups of which the first presented by the Club was the second by Mr. J. M. C. Basto and the third by the Club. Besides the awards for individual efforts a team prize consisting of four cups was presented by Mr. E. J. Noronha, to encourage collective work with the result that greater interest was taken by the competitors and the finishes were keen up to the last man.

Team "C" comprising of the following won the team prize Mr. J. Lima 3 J. Ribeiro 4 E. P. Sousa, 5 F. H. Carvalho 8 total count: 20. Team B was second with a count of 24 made up of the following H. Prata 1 P. Xavier 2 C. E. Marques 10 L. B. Gomes, 2 11.

A goodly number of spectators followed the competitors including close to fifty cyclists Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, patron of the section was seen in his car taking particular interest in the competitors. The officials were as follows:—

Judges: E. J. Noronha, Philip Rosa, P. O. Rosa, V. L. Remedios, Referees: P. A. Yvanovich, A. A. Guterres, J. M. J. Lopes.

CATHOLIC UNION CLUB.

The atmosphere of the Catholic Union Club was one of kindness on the afternoon of Sunday the 21st when an Xmas tea-organised by the members of the club was held. The guests of the afternoon were the poor of the different Catholic Parishes in the colony. Close to hundred and fifty people comprising of children from four years old to adults well passed three scores. The hall was tastefully decorated, the tables were sumptuously laid out and presented a touching scene enabled by generosity and kindness.

It was a happy pleasure indeed watching the party avail themselves of the many delicacies served out to them, most of which were made specially for the occasion by some kind donor. The party was kept lively as could be and music was provided by a good number of pianists, members of the club who took turns on the ivory. To enhance a homely and welcome air the waiters were recruited from among the most prominent and popular members of the club who attired themselves in well chosen Chinese garbs.

His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni presided and gave his blessing to the party on the conclusion of tea; toys were distributed to the children and Xmas Cash was given to the adults.

The working committee chief of whom are the following: Messrs. J. D. Osmond, A. F. Remedios, M. F. Baptista and specially Mr. F. Remedios deserves credit for the good work put up. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to all those who had so generously contributed towards the expenses.

CLUB LUSITANO.

The annual ball of the Club Lusitano which was interrupted last year owing to the assassination of the late President, Sidonio Paes will be held this year as in former years on the 31st of December. By kind permission the Orchestra of the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music.

WARNING TO JURORS.

AN ABSENTEE FINED.

H. W. Routh was fined \$10 by the Chief Justice this morning for failing to appear when his name was called to serve on the jury at the Criminal Sessions. He was sent for and told His Lordship that he received that morning a very important cable and in decoding it forgot the time.

His Lordship: You forgot it?—Yes. That is no excuse. You were summoned and as you were not there another gentleman has had to take your place. I am very sorry. It is the only excuse I have. I am the only foreigner in the firm.

The summons is issued and it has to be obeyed. It is not a question of inconvenience. You should have attended, then you could have asked for leave and it would have been considered.—I intended to be here on time but I am afraid I forgot to look at my time piece.

If the Court overlooks the absence of jurors owing to grounds of business and so forth, it will be quite impossible to carry on the administration of justice satisfactorily. Pay a fine of \$10.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE CHEUNG CHAU MURDER.

The Criminal Sessions continued this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Tse Shui Shing pleading not guilty to an indictment of murder.

The Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J. R. Kemp K.C., C.B.E., with whom was Mr. G. C. Wakeman, appeared for the Crown and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood, represented the prisoner.

The jury consisted of Messrs. J. McCubbin, H. C. Best, D. Abbey, G. H. da Silva, K. Sayce, A. Germain, J. Caer Clark.

Opening the case the Attorney-General said the prisoner was charged with the murder of a woman at Cheung Chau on November 2. The deceased woman lived in a house with her mother, who would be the principal witness in the case. Five children also lived there. The woman's husband sometimes slept in the house and sometimes on the Cheung Chau ferry on which he was employed. On the night of November 1 the front door of the house was closed but the back door was left open. Early the next morning the women were asleep when the mother was aroused by hearing her daughter call out "Save life." She got up and said two men coming from the direction of the cubicle. One of the men ran up to her and cut her on the neck with a knife. The two men then rushed out of the house. She knew the man who cut her, the prisoner, well. Accused was subsequently arrested in a marsh and beneath his bed was found a chopper. At the Police Station prisoner, answering the charge of murder, said he did not do it, but before the Police Magistrate he said he went to the house with another man in order to steal cakes. This man told him to take a knife for self-defence, but he said they did not need knives as they were not going to rob the people of their clothing, jewels or chattels. He took a small chopper and the other man took a butcher's knife. He did not know what the other man did in the cubicle. He (prisoner) did as he was told and threatened the old lady with his knife and in the struggle her neck was cut.

Evidence was then taken. The case is proceeding.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS Department will be entirely closed on THURSDAY, the 25th December, 1919, and 1st January, 1920. It will be open for all purposes till Noon on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY, the 26th, 27th and 28th December, 1919, and 2nd, 3rd and 4th January 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

C. W. BECKWITH, Superintendent, Imports and Exports, Hongkong, December 21, 1919.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1919.

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TAMON MARU—Middle of January.

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A BRILLIANT EXPLOIT.

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GALLANTRY.

The first prize case to come before the new President, the Right Hon. Sir H. E. Duke, in the Prize Court, had reference to an application by the Crown to condemn the Turkish tug "Hertha" and cargo, and in connection therewith a thrilling story was told of the plucky achievement of a party of officers after their escape from a Turkish prison camp at Yozgad says the *Journal of Commerce*.

Mr. O'Connor, who appeared for the Crown, said that the exploit was one of the most brilliant that had ever been related in that court. Commander Archibald Cochran, R.N., on the night of August 7, 1915, with other officers carried off plans that had been maturing for eleven months previously, and escaped from the camp at Yozgad, and after a series of adventures, involving marching on scant rations, battles with brigands, privations of hunger and cold, and narrowly escaping cutthroats on at least two occasions, they succeeded in arriving at a point on the Anatolian Coast west of Korgos Island.

On arriving there the party were too fatigued to proceed with the venture of securing liberty, but after a rest of about seven days they resumed their travels.

On September 8 Commander Cochran saw a Turkish tug off the Isle of Korgos, dragging with it a barge full of Government stores, and it anchored 60 yards from the shore. The party daringly resolved to attempt to climb down to the beach, and swim off, some 300 yards, to release from the tug the dinghy attached to it. An attempt had previously been made to do this, but owing to the noise made by the lifting of the anchor a Turkish sentry had been alarmed.

On this occasion, however, the exploit was successfully carried out. After dark the officers made off and cut adrift the dinghy which was astern of the barge

WEEK END SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

1ST DIVISION.

CLUB 1: R.G.A. 0.

This match proved more interesting than many had anticipated. The Club turned out a strong team and the opinion of the spectators before this match was that the Club would have an easy win, but the gunners played a good game generally and the fact that they lost only one goal proved that the match was not at all one-sided.

The civilians attacked from the opening whistle but found the soldiers' defence very sound and they were for quite a long spell unable to get beyond the half back line. The soldiers' string also found much difficulty with the Club defence. Black and McCubbin proving to be stone walls through which the soldiers were unable to break. After about fifteen minutes of even play, the civilians began to find themselves and a series of clever passes took the ball beyond the soldiers' half back line, but the backs were playing a splendid game and they cleared before the goal was actually threatened. Unfortunately for them, however, Hamilton was placed in possession and after dribbling the ball to near goal, he passed to Rodger who was able to beat the goalie, without much difficulty. The soldiers tried hard for an equalizer and although Green was more than once very dangerous, Black managed to rob him of the ball in the nick of time. On one occasion when the soldiers managed to get beyond Black, Rodger did the right thing by rushing out of goal and clearing. Except for one or two tries by the Club in which they failed to score on account of the brilliant play of the soldiers' defence, the rest of the match did not provide much excitement; the exchanges being very even from the first goal to the final whistle which found the soldiers losers of a hard fought match by only one goal.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2: SOUTH CHINA 0.

This match which was played on the Navy ground on Saturday was by far the most interesting of the week end matches.

Kicking off against the sun, the Chinese invaded the Collegians' territory and by a series of clever passes tested Omar early in the game, but the latter was too sound a goalie and cleared in fine style. Then Urquhart got going on the College right wing but was robbed by the Chinese left back who returned the ball to midfield where it remained for a long spell before the Collegians were again able to take up the offensive. This time Hyndman after dribbling past five of the Chinese players passed to Silva who immediately returned the ball and Hyndman put in a kick which the goalie punched away. Hyndman again pounced on it and would have scored had not one of the defenders handled the ball within the penalty area. A Penalty kick was awarded the Collegians, and taking this kick Hyndman made no mistake and shot the ball past the Chinese goalie. Despite strenuous attempts by the Chinese to equalize, and Omar was called upon to save several very difficult shots, the first moiety ended with the Collegians leading.

The Chinese played fast in the second half and pressed with keen determination but the play of Olgey, Sepher, and D. Urquhart at half back and of Dixon and P. Xavier at back was too sound for them and they never got the ball beyond the middle field. After some clever midfield play the Collegians got going and from Urquhart, Hyndman, shot. The Chinese goalie punched away and the ball fell at the feet of R. Omar who sent the ball across goal, finding the net just inside the upright on the left side of goal. The referee, Corp. Townsend, very rightly blew his whistle for a goal but the Chinese protested and for a while refused to return the ball to the centre of the field. In the end however, realizing that it would be useless to take that means of gaining their point, they centred the ball. From this stage onwards, however, it became evident that the Chinese were playing with anger and this came to a head when Silva in worrying the Chinese goalie after he had saved from Hyndman, was hit in the ribs by the former who was using his elbow rather freely. The players looked like coming to blows but the referee interfered and the match proceeded. Then suddenly the Chinese spectators were seen flooding the field and running towards a crowd which had gathered on the other side, crying out "ta" as they ran. It soon became evident that the spectators had taken up the players' quarrel and that a "free to all fight" was taking place on the touch line. It was impossible to go on with the match and the referee blew his whistle and stopped the game. The disturbance lasted some ten minutes and when it eventually subsided, the match was resumed. Although the Chinese had the best of the exchanges after the resumption, they were unable to score, and when the final whistle came they

were the losers of a very evenly contested match by two goals to nil. Excepting for the amount of "bad blood" which was exhibited in the second half, the match is undoubtedly the most interesting yet played this season.

POLICE-NAVY MATCH.

Owing to the funeral of Crown Sergeant Devney of the Police, this match which was to have been played on the Club ground did not come off, the sailors very sportingly agreeing to postpone it to enable the players of the Police team to attend the funeral of their late comrade.

2ND DIVISION.

INDIANS 2: UNITED 2.

These two bantam teams provided a very interesting match on the Military ground on Saturday. The game was evenly contested from beginning to end, but the Indians were the most scientific of the two, playing a more scientific game than the United. The Indians took the lead in the first half, but the United were too well guarded by the United players and was robbed of the ball before he could be of real danger. However, the Indians attacked and succeeded in drawing first blood, S. Rumbhah scoring with a fine shot. A little later, by means of some clever combination, the United worked their way to the Indians' goal where Millard equalized. The half time came with the scores reading one all.

At the resumption the Indians again attacked but were repulsed. After a spell at midfield, the Indians again got going and Hyder gave his side the lead with a hard shot, from a difficult angle, which McLeod made a brave attempt to clear but it went past him into the net. The rest of the game was very even and it looked like ending in a win for the Indians when the United made a last effort and managed to snatch the match from the fire by one of their forwards sending in a high shot when about ten yards away from goal. For some unknown reason, Madar did not attempt to save, undoubtedly thinking the ball was going over the cross bar, but it just skimmed the lower part of the bar and slipped into the net. This well contested match ended in a very appropriate draw.

CLUB RESERVES 2: CLUB DE RECREIO 1.

This match which was played on the Navy ground before the St. Joseph's South China match proved to be very evenly contested and the Club had to play all they knew to secure a win. Starting very evenly, the Portuguese were the first to take up the offensive but their forwards were light and they were unable to get past Gerrard who was playing his usual sound game. Both goalies were given hot times in this moiety but they managed to get through the ordeal undefeated and when the teams changed ends, neither side had scored.

In the second half the Club played faster and soon got past Hyndman and V. Xavier, the Portuguese backs. With only the goalie to beat, Boysen who was in possession took his time, intending to run the ball right to the goal's mouth, but the goalie ran out to meet him and they collided rather heavily with the result that the goalie was disabled and the ball shot into the net. After their goalie had recovered, the Portuguese took up the offensive and soon tested Mackenzie with a hot shot which he just managed to catch. Maher went for him, and although he managed to get the ball away Mackenzie was not quick enough to get out of Maher's way and was in turn disabled. A third accident occurred a few minutes later when the Portuguese again attacked and P. Xavier in jumping to head the net, was accidentally punched on the nose by Mackenzie, who, anxious to punch the ball, did not see the lad jump up. Boysen scored the Club's second goal soon after this. The Portuguese, despite the fact that they played ten men, resumed the offensive and V. Xavier who came from back to fill his disabled cousin's place, scored with a swift kick two yards away from goal. Although the Portuguese tried hard for an equalizer, time was against them and the final whistle found them defeated by two goals to one.

MANCHESTERS 2: SOUTH CHINA "A" 0.

The soldiers are certainly playing improved football and the creditable way in which they defeated the South China "A" team on Saturday, prove that they are determined not to finish the league at the bottom of the tables. They ought to give the Indians and the United a hard time when they meet them. The soldiers won the match by two goals to nil.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

KOWLOON 5, H.M.S. "AMBROSE" 2.

In a friendly match played on the Ysamat ground on Saturday, the

Kowloon F.C., defeated a team from H.M.S. "Ambrose," by five goals to two. Rasmussen was responsible for 2 goals and Knight and Millard one each. The last goal was put in by one of the sailors' backs during a "males" in front of goal. The sailors' goals were scored by their centre forward and inside left respectively. The match was very fast.

CRICKET.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.

There was some remarkable individual scoring in this match, three batsmen passing the 50 mark, E. J. R. Mitchell, for Hongkong, being only four short of the century. The Navy batted first and put up a total of 220 runs for only three wickets, 166 of which were due to Holborn and Robinson who made 81 and 85 respectively, the former carrying his bat. Hongkong started badly, Pearce being run out for two runs. Mitchell however, was at the top of his form and put up a beautifully compiled 96 which included 16 fours. Naturally, bowling averages suffered considerably. The match resulted in a draw.

The Scores were—

NAVY.	
Rev. Hastings, c. Beavan, b. Donnelly	30
E. G. Kennett, l.b.w., b. Donnelly	5
Pay Lt. Comdr. Holborn, not out	81
A. A. Claxton, c. Humphreys, b. Beavan	85
Extras	19
Total (for 3 wickets declared)	220

HONGKONG C.C.	
Lt. Comdr. Greig, Lieut. Dolphin, Lieut. Franks, Lieut. Jones, Lieut. Casswell, Lieut. Lambert and Pay Lt. Chapman, did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis.	
O.	M. R. W.
Donnelly	14 1 20 2
Burnie	7 1 24 0
Lammert	6 0 39 0
Humphreys	3 0 19 0
Thursfield	2 0 24 0
Beavan	2 0 15 1
C. C. Stark, b. Dolphin	18
T. E. Pearce, run out	2
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	96
R. P. Beavan, run out	15
R. P. Thursfield, not out	7
Extras	4
Total (for 3 wickets)	142

J. D. Humphreys, D. E. Donnelly, R. A. Burnie, P. Jacks, E. G. Lammert and A. K. Mackenzie, did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.	
O.	M. R. W.
Hastings	10 1 82 0
Kennett	10 4 41 0
Chapman	6 1 29 0
Dolphin	2 0 10 1
Casswell	4 0 26 0

C.R.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE.

This match also resulted in a draw but decidedly in favour of the Chinese who only wanted another five points to secure a win before time was called. It must be said however, that they had the advantage of exceptionally poor fielding on the part of the Servants. The latter were all out for 107, the best score being that of Syme Thomson—26. The five men who batted for the Chinese all made double figure scores, the best being Un Hew Fan's 28, the final total being 103 for three wickets.

The score were—

CIVIL SERVICE.	
P. T. Lambie, l.b.w., b. Ching	4
R. C. Wicheil, b. Lee	9
B. W. Bradbury, b. Lee	14
A. E. Wood, c. W. L. Lee	5
W. H. Edmonds, b. Ho Wing Kin	7
F. Syme Thomson, b. Yew Man Tsun	26
F. J. Ling, c. Ching, b. Ho Wing Kin	10
G. H. Piercy, b. Yew Man Tsun	5
W. Smalley, b. Lee	13
E. Fincher, c. Wong, b. Yew Man Tsun	8
W. Hill, not out	1
Extras	5
Total	107

Bowling Analysis.	
O.	M. R. W.
G. Lee	16 4 39 4
Ching	5 1 23 1
Ho Wing Kin	7 1 16 2
Yew Man Tsun	5 0 18 3
Ng Sze Kwong	2 0 6 0

C.R.C.	
Ng Sze Kwong, c. Bradbury, b. Wicheil	15
Shin Man Ping, b. Ling	21
Un Hew Fan, not out	28
G. Lee, c. Ling, b. Lambie	16
Yew Man Tsun, not out	18
Extras	5
Total (for 3 wickets)	103

Bowling Analysis.	
O.	M. R. W.
Ling	8 1 31 1
Wicheil	9 0 39 1
Edmonds	5 2 39 1
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Hill	1 0 3 0

K.C.C. v. STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS.

This match, played at Kowloon, saw the Home team the victors which was mainly due to K.R. Macaskill,

who carried his bat for the century. Here again the batsmen who went to the wickets all made double figure scores, the final total being 197 for five wickets.

For the Staff, Humphrey made 45 and Cavanaugh 51. Bowen failed to supply his usual support and was bowled after just breaking his "duck." A notable feature of the match was the bowling of Claxton who took seven wickets for just over seven runs each.

The scores were—

STAFF.	
Major Bowen, b. Pestonji	1
Lt. Col. Robinson, b. Claxton	45
Col. Humphrey, l.b.w., b. Bragg	51
Pte. Filmer, b. Claxton	21
Lieut. Cavanaugh, c. Macaskill, b. Claxton	51
Pte. Rhodes, c. Goodall, b. Claxton	11
Cpl. Glenny, c. Goodall, b. Claxton	4
Capt. Bundle, c. de Sousa, b. Claxton	0
Capt. Tomory, b. Brown	2
Pte. Lee, not out	2
Sgt. Connor, c. de Sousa, b. Claxton	3
Extras	3
Total	140

Bowling Analysis.	
O.	M. R. W.
Claxton	13.5 1 51 7
Pestonji	9 0 41 1
Ramsay	3 0 12 0
Braga	5 0 30 1
Brown	2 0 3 1

K.C.C.	
D. M. Goodall, c. and b. Connor	10
J. V. Braga, l.b.w., b. Cavanaugh	17
A. A. Claxton, c. Humphrey, b. Connor	10
K. R. Macaskill, not out	100
L. J. Blackburn, b. Bundle	21
J. P. Robinson, b. Bundle, b. Colles	25
Extras	13
Total (for 5 wickets)	197

Bowling Analysis.	
O.	M. R. W.
A. de Sousa, A. W. Ramsay, A. O. Brown, W. T. Elson, and R. Pestonji, did not bat.	

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A. Arculli	6 0 34 1
S. M. Moosa	4 0 20 1
A. A. Rumbhah	3 0 20 1
S. D. Ismail	3 0 25 0
A. H. Rumbhah	3 0 30 0
N. M. Bux	2 0 19 0
Bowled in no ball	
Total (for 3 wickets, declared)	214

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THE ALLIES AND GERMANY.

PARIS, December 15th.
In the Supreme Council, the results of the conversations between the Allied and German experts with reference to compensation for the Scapa Flow sinkings were submitted.
It is understood that Germany proposes a reduction of the quantity of material to be surrendered.
She also proposes to surrender the units under construction instead of those mentioned in the Allied protocol.

PARIS, December 15th.
Essential extracts from the German reply to the Allied Note published in Berlin show that the reply is extremely conciliatory.

It denies that the amendment to the Treaty has been requested owing to the United States' absence from the Commission, and withdraws the objection to the final paragraph of the protocol in view of the explanation of the Allied attitude. As regards the Scapa Flow, it contends that the Allies have constructed Admiral von Reuter's action was due to misapprehension of the situation, but declares Germany's readiness to provide reparation for the sinkings.
It emphasises the extent of the Allies' demands in the connection, but notes their offer of consideration previously cabled.
It says that an Experts Commission will be appointed for the purpose of furnishing the necessary information and submitting reparation proposals.
It concludes by expressing the hope of a speedy signing of the protocol and the application of the Treaty.

AMERICAN COAL MINERS.

NEW YORK, December 14th.
The coal restrictions have been removed. It is expected that all miners will resume work and that the train service will be completely restored by December 15th.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, December 14th.
President Wilson is able to walk with the assistance of a stick.

WAR PRISONERS.

LONDON, December 15th.
Home understands that the British Government considers Mr. Livinoff's proposals for the exchange of war prisoners altogether unreasonable.
The proposals exclude the exchange of officers and demand the release of certain British troops outside British jurisdiction, as well as the handing over of many more Russian than British. The negotiations, however, are proceeding.

THE BALTIC CONFEDERATION.

LONDON, December 15th.
The facts officially declare that they have no intention of concluding peace with the Bolsheviks. They want to Dorset merely to watch the negotiations.
Meanwhile, the Lithuanian Military Convention has been drawn up and a friendly understanding with Estonia and Latvia has been established. Home is entertained that Poland will join the Baltic Confederation.

DISTURBED IRELAND.

LONDON, December 15th.
Freeman's Journal has been suppressed. The machinery has been dismantled by troops and the Police.

The Daily News has offered Freeman's Journal two columns daily, "in order to enable you to give free expression to the opinion of Constitutional Nationalism during the period of suppression."

The Freeman's Journal has accepted the offer, and its editor, in an article in the Daily News to-day, declares that the offending article was not directed against the Dublin Police, but against what was tantamount to enforced police service. Members of the Irish Civil Service have made protests against the suppression under an Act introduced to meet the exigencies of war, but which was retained in Ireland "to enable the 'Castle' Junta to practice Prussianism to the utmost."

The Daily News, in an editorial, says:—"English rule in Ireland has not yet produced its General Dyer, but the warnings of every responsible English correspondent in Dublin will wake most profound apprehensions as to how the cumulative challenge of the militarist to freedom may end."

LONDON, December 15th.
In the House of Commons, the reasons for the suppression of Freeman's Journal were explained.
In fact, the paper had said that the people enlisting as special constables to assist the Police in patrol duty would be regarded as marked men.

Mr. Ian Macpherson, amid cheers, said that the Irish members seemed to forget that the Police ranks were thinning nightly by the outrages.
The question was raised again after the adjournment, when a motion of protest was defeated by 161 votes to 52.

DEVOLUTION IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

LONDON, December 15th.
Speaking at the annual meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, Mr. Telford believed that the partnership in great perils, the great sacrifices and the great acts of heroism would not act as a bond of glorious memories between the different parts of the Empire for all time.

Mr. Speaker announced that it was hoped to send a delegation of British members of Parliament to India next winter.

Referring to the work of the Devolution Committee, Mr. Speaker trusted that, before many months, the Committee would be able to submit a report to the House of Commons, which would be the first step towards the Federation of Parliaments of the British Empire, which, however, was still a long way off.

LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, December 14th.
Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., have instructed Capt. Ross Smith to hand over his aeroplane to the Commonwealth Government upon his arrival at Melbourne.

LONDON, December 14th.
A wrecked aeroplane, without an occupant, was washed ashore near Corfu. From the log book, it has now been established that it was the Martiniede aeroplane piloted by Capt. Howell, who was on his way from London to Australia for the £10,000 prize offered by the Commonwealth Government.

LONDON, December 14th.
The Times correspondent at Sydney, telegraphing on December 13th, states that Capt. Ross Smith suggests the establishment of a commercial air service between England and Australia with sections in London, Cairo, Calcutta, Singapore and Port Darwin. He favours the use of seaplanes from Calcutta.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Ottawa Press announces Sir Robert Borden's intention to retire on January 1st, owing to failing health. A conference of his followers will be summoned to choose his successor.

Owing to overwork at the Peace Conference, Sir Robert was compelled to take a rest two months ago. He spent six weeks at the Virginia Hot Springs, but while he experienced some benefit, the resumption, recently, of the cares of office caused a partial relapse, and, for the past fortnight, he has suffered from insomnia. The physicians have forbidden continued work and as the Seasonal preparations involve close application on the part of the leader of the Government, Sir Robert Borden has concluded to retire.

SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE PREDICTED.

LONDON, December 15th.
Mr. C. A. McCurdy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, addressing a conference of Labour members of the Local Food Committees, said there would be a serious shortage of essential foodstuffs in 1920. Butter was almost disappearing.

Experts predicted that 1920 would be the most critical year since the war, as regards butter and cheese, the supplies of which from Australia were certain to decrease owing to the drought.

Supplies of tea had decreased, though the consumption had increased. There was no prospect of the world's supplies of sugar balancing the demand. There was a surplus of meat in Britain at present, but there would be a world shortage in 1920.

There were at least 3,000,000 tons less in Europe than before the war. More meat would arrive in the Thames during the next quarter than we would know what to do with.

Owing to the shipments from Australia, the restrictions on consumption would be relaxed to prevent this meat being wasted, because the cold storage was inadequate.

He said that the cold storage in Britain was 42,000,000 cubic feet compared with 70,000,000 in the United States. It was essential to reconvert bacon because the price had risen. Bacon had deteriorated when control had been removed.

THE "HIDDEN HAND."

LONDON, December 15th.
A fire occurred on the ex-German steamer *Boonah* at the Albert Docks last night. Two holds are afloat and the East End is lit up with two flames, which many fire brigades are fighting.

There has been a series of fires recently on ex-German ships, not merely in London but in America and South America. It is suggested that this is the result of a plot by the Germans to destroy expropriated ships.

The *Boonah* was requisitioned by the Australian Government and was due to sail for Hull to-day, and to embark Australian troops at Southampton on December 20th.

A New York telegram states that serious damage was done by a fire on the United States transport *Delah*, formerly the German raider *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*.

EGYPTIAN TROUBLES.

CAIRO, December 15th.
An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate the Egyptian Premier this morning. The assassin, a student, was arrested.

The Premier was driving to the Ministry when his assailant threw a bomb and fired a revolver. Three revolvers were found in his possession.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

LONDON, December 15th.
In the House of Commons, Brigadier-General Seely, moving the reduction of the Air Force vote, protested against the Air Force being under the control of the War Office. The motion was rejected by 150 votes to 39.

Mr. Winston Churchill forebade a comb and a staff for the sea, land, and air forces under a single control. He said that discussion in this connection were proceeding between the heads of the three Services.

AMERICAN STEEL WORKERS' STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, December 15th.
The Executives of the Steel Workers' Unions have voiced a continuation of the strike. They maintain that victory is visible.

WAR-TIME PROHIBITION LAW.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Supreme Court has held that war-time Prohibition Law is constitutional.

A DISASTROUS HURRICANE.

NEW YORK, December 15th.
A hurricane in the North Atlantic, which lasted a week, has strewn the coast with wrecks. One hundred ships are overdue at New York.
A Newfoundland dog aboard a steamer wrecked off Newfoundland saved 92 passengers and crew by taking a line ashore.

U.S.A. AND MEXICO.

EAGLE PASS, (Texas), Dec. 14th.
General Villa's raiders have captured and are holding to ransom two Americans and eight Mexicans of the Muzouli Ranch, Mexico.

ANOTHER MINIATURE BRITISH WAR.

LONDON, December 14th.
Another miniature British war has just concluded with the return of two columns operating to the northeast of Mosul and south-east of Amadiah. Mesopotamia, after successful expeditions against the Zibari and the Kurds, in order, as officially stated, to punish them for the commission of outrages and murders.

The troops, consisting of four battalions of Indian infantry, a mountain battery, and three companies of Assyrians, met with enormous difficulties in a country almost impassable, but their health remained good throughout, and the losses in the engagements were slight. The civil administration has now been restored throughout the district, and troops have been withdrawn.

SUIT AGAINST AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

CHICAGO, December 15th.
The Council of Distillers announces that it will file a suit at Washington to recover from the Government the sum of \$400,000,000, the estimated loss due to the enforcement of prohibition during the war.

"A MILITARY REVOLT."

LONDON, December 14th.
Mail advices from India show that General Dyer, testifying before the Labour Commission of Enquiry into the rioting at Amritsar, cabled on April 17th and 18th, said that he ordered his troops to fire on a crowd of 5,000, which had assembled in defiance of the proclamation of martial law. Between 400 and 500 were killed and 1,500 wounded. He considered it his duty to disperse the crowd by rapid fire, because he regarded the movement as a military revolt.

ITALY.

ROME, December 14th.
The Chamber unanimously adopted the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, after rejecting a Socialist resolution.

Signor Nitti, replying to a debate, which the Socialists heatedly conducted, said that the Government was not becoming a party to an international convention binding the future policy of Italy.

He denied that Italy intended to participate in armed intervention in Russia. He declared that the existence of two groups in Parliament—the Socialist Group and the Popular Group—would strengthen Parliament.

ROME, December 14th.
The Chamber rejected by 288 votes to 121, a Socialist resolution favouring immediate recognition of the Soviet Government of Russia and the resumption of relations with Bolshevik Russia.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, December 16th.
Viscount Burnham, speaking at the Empire Parliamentary Association, intimated that the Speaker would retire shortly.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, December 16th.
At the Empire Parliamentary Association, in the course of a speech, Viscount Burnham said it was anticipated that 20 battalions from England would be distributed in Egypt and on the Rhine and the plebiscite area early in January.

INTER-VARSITY CONTESTS.

NEW YORK, December 15th.
Oxford and Cambridge have challenged Harvard and Yale to an athletic contest in July.

CITIZEN GUARDS.

The Daily News states that the scheme to enrol citizen guards to perform Police duties in the case of civil disturbances has been abandoned.

VISCOUNT GREY'S RETURN.

LONDON, December 15th.
Replying to Mr. McKenna Wood, Mr. Lloyd George confirmed the statement that the Government had granted Viscount Grey's request to return from Washington to discuss important questions with the Government.

THE WAR ON BOLSHEVISM.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Bolsheviks claim further successes against General Denikin, capturing Kharkov and Poltava. They claim to have driven the volunteers from the outskirts of Kiev.

LONDON, December 14th.
Esthonian and Bolshevik communists report severe fighting on the Narva front. The Esthonians claim that heavy attacks were beaten off, but the Bolsheviks merely record fighting.

The Esthonians say that the Bolsheviks attacked in three directions and were moved down in front of burned wire. Many unarmoured Bolsheviks lay flat to escape the fire from their own machine-guns, placed behind to force them to fight.

FUME DISPUTE SETTLED.

NEW YORK, December 15th.
The Associated Press correspondent at Trieste has been informed that an agreement has been signed between Gabriele d'Annunzio and Signor Nitti for a solution of the Fiume and Adriatic questions, under which Italy will have complete sovereignty over Fiume, while all the provisions of the Pact of London will be carried out. All d'Annunzio's claims have been guaranteed. His troops will return to the regular army with the retention of all their honours and rank. The d'Annunzios claim the settlement as a triumph.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

WASHINGTON, December 15th.
The following statement has been issued from "White House":

The hope of the Republican leaders of the Senate that the President will presently make some move which will relieve the situation as regards the Treaty is entirely unfounded. The President contemplates no compromise or concession, but intends that the Republican leaders of the Senate shall continue to bear, undivided, the responsibility for the fate of the Treaty and the consequent present state of the world.

The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Washington states that President Wilson's challenge is causing some disquiet among the Republicans, who are already fearful of embarking on elections, with the American export trade disorganised owing to the fall in sterling—the result of the delay in the ratification of the Treaty. Strong pressure for agreement is being brought to bear on the contending parties.

WASHINGTON, December 15th.
The statement from "White House" cabled earlier has not altered the political situation, but decisive action as regards the Treaty is improbable before the termination of the recess on January 6th.

WASHINGTON, December 14th.
In the Senate, Mr. Lodge urged the President to submit proposals for a compromise for the ratification of the Peace Treaty, promising that the Republicans would carefully consider them.

Senator Underwood urged prompt ratification, because the state of unsettlement was affecting American exports. He suggested the appointment of a Democratic and Republican Committee of Conciliation.

Senator Lodge rejected the suggestion and said the only course open to President Wilson was to withdraw the Treaty and resubmit it with suggestions.

The debate became heated. Senator Knox introduced the resolutions which he and Senator Lodge proposed in November, declaring a state of peace between the United States and Germany. The consideration of the resolutions was postponed until Monday.

RIOTING IN TRINIDAD.

LONDON, December 14th.
Telegrams from the Governor of Trinidad confirm the rioting which broke out in Tobago, where the *cruiser Calcutta* landed a force. The Police fired on the rioters, killing the ringleader.

The trouble in Trinidad began with a strike of stevedores. One was killed in rioting at Port of Spain. Returned soldiers were concerned in the disturbances, which ended when the wages were advanced, and the stevedores resumed. The country districts are still disturbed.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, December 20th.
The House of Commons voted the Army Estimates amounting to £405,000,000. Mr. Churchill said that the estimates next year would not be a quarter of this sum.

He said that his action in Russia was the result of the decisions of the Supreme Council. The Bolsheviks have been held by Admiral Kolchak and General Denikin.

If the latter's forces were destroyed, the whole of the great Bolshevik power would be available to strike down the Baltic States, menace Poland and Finland, and advance through Persia to the frontiers of India, disturbing the whole of Asia. Then we would realise that we had not been fighting the battles of Kolchak and Denikin, but that they had been fighting ours.

AUSTRIA'S APPEAL TO THE ALLIES.

PARIS, December 14th.
Dr. Renner, interviewed by Reuter's representative, said he was gratified at the reception by the Peace Conference. He added that the request for the urgent shipment of supplies (was granted or not) his Government was determined to carry out the Treaty, but must be given the wherewithal to work.

The long delay in executing the Treaty was ruining Austria, which had ceased to think of a union with Germany, and placed herself entirely in the hands of the Allies.

He proceeded:—"We offer in exchange for help a monopoly of the tobacco development, and the exploitation of the immense resources of water power, which can furnish a sort of power-station for the whole of Central Europe."

He concluded by saying that the question was not a political but a business one. Reuter learns authoritatively that the French Government favours an immediate favourable response to Dr. Renner's appeal.

PARIS, December 15th.
The Supreme Council, after hearing Dr. Renner, decided to permit the immediate despatch to Austria of 30,000 tons of food-stuffs lying in Trieste.

The Council also decided that the United States financial assistance is indispensable to facilitate the revictualing of Austria.

PARIS, December 15th.
Le Temps learns that the Supreme Council has also decided to make certain Austrian assets available in order to permit Austria to obtain credits.

Permission has also been granted for the raising of the Italian Monopoly. The steps taken since the signing of the April 30th, after which it will be necessary to arrange Austrian credits for the sum of 500,000,000 francs.

HAYAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 14th.
The French Oil Controller has been informed that the well which was sunk at Pechelbronn, in Alsace, is spouting 30 tons daily.

PARIS, December 15th.
General Gouraud, the French High Commissioner for Syria, has left Syria for a visit to Sicily.

On January 2 and afterwards the Paris Bourse will depart to some extent from the war time restriction that all transactions are to be for immediate settlement only in certain specified securities, including certain Russian bonds, Rio-Tintas, and a number of French banked concerns.

PARIS, December 16th.
The new Chamber of Deputies begins its labours on Tuesday, by a meeting of eleven committees charged with the validation of credentials. The Chamber will validate the greater part of the non-contested elections in public session on Wednesday, proceeding on Thursday to the election of the President of the Chamber. M. Deschanel still appears to be the only candidate.

The result of the meetings in London is regarded in Paris circles as highly satisfactory. Apart from the Adriatic, Turkish, and Russian questions, the subject of Anglo-French economic co-operation as the outstanding feature of the conferences was proof of the closeness of the bonds uniting France and Great Britain and the solidarity and readiness to co-operate concerning special French problems and the unsolved issues arising out of the peace settlement for which the chief burden of responsibility now devolves upon the French and British Governments.

M. Loucheur, French Minister of Reconstruction, had a long interview with M. Klotz, Minister for Finance, in connection with the negotiations for the French loan to be placed in London, with a view to stabilising the exchange rate of France on the English market.

PARIS, December 15th.
The French papers are quite satisfied with the results of the Allied Conference at London, stating that the closest concord exists between Great Britain and France, who have decided to work upon common lines for the pacification of Russia and Turkey.

The German hope of a rift in the Entente is completely falsified. The French papers state an alliance of English coal and French iron would soon make France rise, also the pound sterling. Special emphasis is paid to Marshal Foch, who will continue at the head of the Inter-Allied military organisation.

Concerning America, French papers state that President Wilson recently consulted the Allied Governments regarding the reservations they would be prepared to accept. Senator Lodge has faithfully kept M. Clemenceau informed of the situation in Washington, therefore the London Conference indicates the forthcoming ratification of the Treaty by America.

PARIS, December 16th.
The International Conference on artificial gold has met at the French Ministry of Commerce for the study and foundation, probably in Paris, of a neutral organisation for the gathering from all parts of the world of information and data concerning gold storage.

ASSISTANCE FOR M. POULET.

PARIS, December 15th.
L'Intermédiaire has opened a subscription for M. Poulet, who was officially unaided in any manner in his Australian flight. The first list, which totals 5,800 francs, includes well known names.

FRANCO-GERMAN TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

PARIS, December 15th.
The Franco-German telegraph service is being resumed. The French, German, English, Italian, and Japanese languages will be allowed, but no code.

NEW IRISH BILL.

LONDON, December 15th.
Mr. Lloyd George announced that the outline of the Irish Bill will be available on December 29th, but the Bill will not be introduced this session.

MORE CABLE DELAYS.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Eastern Telegraph Company announces that four main cables off Spain are interrupted. Heavy delays are inevitable.

ALLIED TROOPS IN SIBERIA.

LONDON, December 15th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill said that the principal Allied forces in Russia are American and Japanese, contingents in Siberia. He declined to disclose the numbers, but said that the number of Japanese was considerable and increasing.

Reuter learns that Japan does not intend to withdraw her troops from Siberia, as she believes it is imperative to prevent the Siberian railway falling into Bolshevik hands.

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ALLIED CONFERENCES IN LONDON.

LONDON, December 15th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Allied Conference in London last week discussed peace with Hungary and Turkey; the situation in the Adriatic; arrangements for future siting of the Peace Conference; and the ratification and execution of the Treaty already concluded, also the economic and financial situation. In regard to the financial situation, in order to remedy the fall in exchange, Britain had agreed to issue a French loan in England.

The Conference also fully considered the Russian situation, the decision in that connection being completely in accord with the policy already announced in the Commons.

The Allies were completely agreed on all questions, and had decided to resume the conference soon in order to formulate proposals for the Turkish Treaty, and finally dispose of the difficulties arising from the situation in the Adriatic.

LONDON, December 15th.
The consensus of opinion is that the conferences at Downing Street, which was the first meeting of the whole body of Allied and Associated Powers for a long time, has changed the international atmosphere immensely for the better, and brought a settlement of vexatious problems nearer.

A salient fact is that the development of events has left the partnership of France and Britain the chief deciding influence in the remaining task of European settlement. It is expected that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau will meet more frequently in the future, to decide the numerous administrative questions arising after the ratification of peace.

The fact that the American Ambassador was present at the conversation with Signor Scialoja is regarded as significant. Signor Scialoja departed for Italy yesterday. It is understood he bears proposals which will probably end the Franco-Italian difficulty.

Importance is attached to the participation of the Japanese Ambassador at the conference regarding Russia, in which connection the Daily Telegraph declares that there is no change in the Allied policy as a result of the conference.

The Daily Mail says that the fate of Turkey has been settled. An announcement in the subject may be expected forthwith.

According to the Daily Chronicle and the Daily Telegraph, the suggestion that the Allies are willing to accept certain of the American Senate's reservations is unfounded.

LONDON, December 15th.
The Morning Post states that as a result of the Downing Street conference, a closer co-operation between Britain and France has been secured. The relations between the two countries might really be now described as an alliance, though it is improbable that the agreement will be so described officially.

It is reported from Paris that the French loan to be floated in England will be of £500,000,000.

The Morning Post says that financial circles do not believe that the decision of French Government loans in England is imminent, owing to the depreciation in sterling, which is largely due to France buying.

N.Y.K. AND ITS OFFICERS.

DEMANDS CONCEDED AFTER DISCUSSION.

According to a vernacular paper, the officers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have renewed their agitation for better treatment since the return of Baron Kondo, the President of the company, from abroad. Telegraphic applications for leave have recently poured in at the head office of the company from all ranks from Commanders downward on the arrival of steamers at Kobe from Europe and other quarters. This situation is reported to have alarmed the management of the shipping company, who feared that if things were allowed to take their course some steamers scheduled to leave Japan this month on their regular services will have to postpone their departure.

In the meanwhile, the senior officers resident in Kobe proceeded to select a delegation of four, who visited the head office on the 4th instant, and, seeing the President, laid before him a few demands for the amelioration of their treatment. The management of the company held a meeting forthwith to discuss the question, and the same night the delegation were invited to the residence of the President at Yotsuya, and were asked by the directors to conclude there to withdraw their demands. The delegates were, however, insistent, and the directors finally agreed to concede all demands except the one claiming the appointment of an officer to the Directorate. These concessions short of that particular demand did not satisfy the delegates, who insisted that their demands should be accepted in toto.

On further negotiations, a Japanese paper says the Directorate again gave way, and agreed that a Maritime Department should be created with the approval of a general meeting of the shareholders to be held in May next, and an officer appointed to the Directorate. These assurances having been obtained, the delegation returned to Kobe to report the result of their visit to Tokyo to their comrades. Applications for leave sent in have been withdrawn in consequence, and the trouble has been settled.

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